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8. 3,748,470, Jul. 24, 1973, IMAGING SYSTEM UTILIZING SPATIAL CODING; Harrison H. Barrett, 378/2; 250/302, 363.01, 363.06, 366; 976/DIG.429 [IMAGE AVAILABLE]
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DETDESC:
DETD(3)

FIG. . . . shows in more detail the high resolution camera 1 of the present invention. Key components of the sensor are a **coded** lead aperture **mask** 5 and a position sensitive high resolution detector 11.

US PAT NO: 4,435,838 [IMAGE AVAILABLE] L4: 2 of 9
ABSTRACT: The . . . concerns a method and apparatus for tomographically imaging different selected planes of a three-dimensional object by detecting radiation through a **coded** aperture **mask**, storing an image of the radiation detected over a period of time, and decoding each selected object plane by a . . . SUMMARY: BSUM(3) This invention relates to a method and apparatus for tomographical imaging using **coded** aperture **masks**, and is particularly but not exclusively applicable to medical imaging systems using gamma rays. SUMMARY: BSUM(6)
More recent systems have involved replacing the single pinhole or collimator by a **coded** aperture **mask** (e.g. a Fresnel Zone plate or a pinhole array). This results in a higher photon collection efficiency leading to a . . . SUMMARY: BSUM(14) Accordingly, . . . different selected planes of a three-dimensional object by detecting radiation from the object after passage of the radiation through a **coded** aperture **mask**, storing an image of the radiation detected over a period of time, and for each selected object plane decoding the . . . SUMMARY: BSUM(24) The . . . operation and may be readily implemented in fully hardware logic circuitry--see G. K. Skinner: "Imaging of Cosmic X-ray sources using **coded** **mask** telescopes," Proceedings of the British Interplanetary Society Conference, Appleton Laboratory, Slough, Nov. 15, 1979. This provides both low cost processing. . . DETDESC: DETD(2)
Referring to FIG. 1, a coded aperture tomographical imaging system comprises a gamma ray detector 10 and a **coded** aperture **mask** 11 disposed in front of and spaced from the detection surface 12 of the detector 10. The mask 11 is. . . between the mask 11 and detection surface 12. Shielding is provided in conventional manner to prevent gamma radiation by-passing the **coded** aperture **mask** 11, and is also provided at the detector 10. In use, the detector/mask assembly is placed in front of a . . . DETDESC: DETD(6) A highly advantageous form of **coded** aperture **mask** 11 to use with the above system is a two-fold mosaicking of a basic n.times.m mask based on an m-sequence. . . DETDESC: DETD(29)
While the invention has been shown to be especially useful for use with **coded** aperture **masks** based on m-sequences, it is of course applicable to any coded aperture tomographical imaging system for providing a substantial reduction. . . implementation of the fixed decoding process may not be the most efficient in all cases. The actual construction of the **coded** aperture **masks** is not described above since this is well known in the art, see for example U.S. Pat. No. 4,209,780. CLAIMS: CLMS(1) Having . . . different selected planes of a three-dimensional object by detecting radiation from the object after passage of the radiation through a **coded** aperture **mask**, storing an image of the radiation detected over a period of time, and for each selected object plane decoding the. . . CLAIMS: CLMS(2) 2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the **coded** aperture **mask** is based on m-sequences, and the fixed decoding process uses a Fast Hadamard Transform. CLAIMS: CLMS(3) 3. A method according to claim 2, wherein the **coded** aperture **mask** is twofold mosaicked. CLAIMS:

CLMS(6) 6. selected planes of a three-dimensional object by detecting radiation from said object after the passage of the radiation through a **coded** aperture **mask**, wherein an image of the radiation of a selected plane sensed by a detector over a period of time is. . . .
CLAIMS: CLMS(8) 8. In an apparatus as set forth in claim 7, wherein said **coded** aperture **mask** is twofold mosaicked.

US PAT NO: 4,240,729 [IMAGE AVAILABLE] L4: 3 of 9
DETD(11) The issuing from light-emitting device 58A falls on the sensitive portion of light-sensitive device 60A whenever a transparent portion of a Gray-**coded** **mask** 62 (FIGS. 5 and 7) is disposed therebetween. Whenever an opaque portion of said Gray-**coded** **mask** is disposed between device 58A and device 60A, no light from device 58A will impinge upon device 60A. At the device 60C in the manner discussed above in connection with devices 58A and 60A. Also in the well known manner, Gray-**coded** **mask** 62 remains between set 58 and set 60 throughout its range of travel with lens 11, etc., and the light-emitting.
DETD(13) Referring shown and described hereinbelow in connection with FIG. 7 being provided to aid set 64 and set 66, along with **mask** 68, in providing unique Gray-**coded** signals corresponding to the vertical positioning of carriage 47 and lens 11.
DETD(17) Before invention differs from the X-direction lens carriage position encoder only in that it includes photosensing pairs 64 and 66 and Gray-**coded** **mask** 68, rather than the photosensing pairs 58 and 60 and the Gray-**coded** **mask** 62 shown in FIG. 7. Thus, the Y-direction lens carriage position encoder of the preferred embodiment of the present invention.
DETD(20) Referring to FIG. 7, it will be seen that, as hereinabove described, Gray-**coded** **mask** 62 is so disposed that its most significant bit (MSB) track 62A is disposed between the most significant bit light-emitting.
DETD(23) As to mask 68 in the same sense in which the LED's and phototransistors of FIG. 7 are operatively juxtaposed to **mask** 62, whereby a unique Gray-**coded** signal or set of signals is produced at the three output terminals of said substantially identical circuit, one such signal.

US PAT NO: 4,146,295 [IMAGE AVAILABLE] L4: 4 of 9
SUMMARY: BSUM(2) The device for carrying out so-called incoherent holography or a device for coding scintillographic or radiographic images with the aid of **coding** screens, or **masks**, for use in astronomical and medical gammagraphic applications. SUMMARY:
BSUM(5) The of the various diffracted orders. In order to remedy these difficulties, it has already been proposed to use, as a **coding** screen or **mask**, an eccentric portion of a Fresnel configuration. However, such an incoherent holographic device behaves, from the point of view of.
DETD(16) The being inscribed in a circular sector. As in the case of point K of FIG. 4a, the centre of the **coding** **mask** synthesised coincides with the apex of the said sector which is also the centre about which the binary mask must rotate to synthesise the said half-tone **coding** **mask**.
DETD(17) The **coding** **masks** described above can be used in a tomographic device such as the one illustrated schematically in FIG. 5.
DETD(18) The **coding** **mask** C and the receiver R are, in this case, each set in translatable movement within its plane, these translatable movements.
DETD(19) On object; the cam Ca possesses apertures 2 through which pass shafts A.sub.1 and A.sub.2 constituting the respective supports of the **coding** **mask** C and of the receiver R. In the embodiment shown in FIG. 5, slide guides G1 shown schematically in FIG.
DETD(21) It of the planes containing the three principal elements of the system: namely the tomographic plane P, the plane of the **coding** **mask** C, or the plane of the receiver R, the two other elements in each of these situations then being mobile.

US PAT NO: 4,027,315 [IMAGE AVAILABLE] L4: 5 of 9
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US PAT NO: 3,860,821 [IMAGE AVAILABLE] L4: 6 of 9
ABSTRACT: An representing the summation of the shadows from all points of the source of illumination. Spatial modulation is accomplished by a **mask** having a **coded** pattern of transparent and opaque regions linearly scanned in time. The resulting signal has the characteristics of a chirp waveform.
SUMMARY: BSUM(7) A a transfer function which is conjugate to the scan signal produced from a point source of radiation through the spatially **coded** **mask**, that is, the temporal impulse response function of the filter is the temporal inverse

of the scan signal waveform, so. . . DETDESC: DETD(3) In . . . 4, is utilized instead of the pinhole aperture or collimator array commonly used for photography of high energy particles. The **mask** 30 creates a scrambled or **coded** image at the face of the detector assembly 24 as will be described hereinafter with reference to FIG. 2, and. . .

US PAT NO: 3,777,161 [IMAGE AVAILABLE] L4: 7 of 9 SUMMARY:
BSUM(12) Radiation detection devices have been provided in the art of radiation detection which provide a digital **coded** output. These devices employ **masks** which block portions of the detector in a manner to provide the digital readout. This technique has been used primarily. .

US PAT NO: 3,748,470 [IMAGE AVAILABLE] L4: 8 of 9

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US PAT NO: 3,671,726 [IMAGE AVAILABLE] L4: 9 of 9 ABSTRACT: On-line . . . corresponding detector units. Each of the detector units is in the form of a plurality of individual photo-sensors arranged in **masked** array to generate a binary-**coded** electrical output signal, the numerical significance of which is indicative of the displacement of the light image from a nominal. . .